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## **SOUTH DAKOTA FARM NUMBERS DOWN**

SIOUX FALLS, SD, February 18, 2016 – South Dakota’s number of farms and ranches decreased during 2015, according to USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service. The number of farms and ranches in the State, at 31,300, was down 400 from 2014. Numbers of farms and ranches in South Dakota with less than \$100,000 in agricultural sales declined 100 farms from the year earlier while operations with more than \$100,000 were down 300 farms from 2014.

Land in farms and ranches in South Dakota totaled 43.3 million acres, unchanged from 2014. The average size of operation, at 1,383 acres, was up 17 acres from a year earlier.

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